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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,095,357 (Andoh et al.).

In Claim 1 as amended, the first and second external connection terminals are formed within regions where the first and second spiral conductors are formed, respectively.

With an inductor device of amended Claim 1, it becomes unnecessary to provide a region for forming an external connection terminal in the periphery of the region where a spiral conductor is formed, and it is possible to achieve further integration.

An inductor of the Andoh reference may appear to be similar to an inductor device of the present invention in that an external connection terminal is formed in an inner peripheral end of a spiral conductor. In Andoh's inductor, however, the inner peripheral end of the spiral conductor is formed **outside** the region where the spiral conductor is formed.

Accordingly, Andoh neither teaches nor suggests the invention of amended Claim 1 of the present application. The same argument applies to Claim 6.

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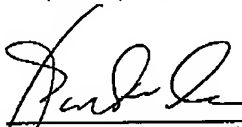
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Claims 4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Andoh et al. in view of US Patent 6,456,183 (Basteros et al.)

Claims 4 and 9 of the present application depend from independent Claims 1 and 6, respectively. Thus, by amending Claims 1 and 6, the rejection of Claims 4 and 9 are also considered to have been eliminated.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-10, pending in this application, are in condition for allowance over the cited references. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicits an indication of allowable subject matter. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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